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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1896.

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MEETINGS, 1900–1901.

May 2. Annual Meeting.
"Revolutionary Privateersmen," by Hon. Sam'l Roads.

Sept. 5. Field meeting at Sylvanus L. Newhall's, South Peabody.
"Grants of Land in the Vicinity, and the History and Traditions of the Families which settled upon them," by Sylvanus L. Newhall.

Nov. 14. "The Early Houses of the Puritans," by the Rev. T. Frank Waters.
Mr. Thomas Carroll, Chairman of the Committee on Copying the Town Records of Old Danvers—1752–1855—stated that the book had been completed by Mrs. L. J. Thomas, and might be seen at any time at our Town House.

Feb. 15. "How to Study Local History," by Sidney Perley.

Apr. 19. In response to an invitation of Committee on History, a joint meeting was held with the Peabody Woman's Club—the President, Mrs. Richard Ward, presiding—with the following program:—

Music, Battle Hymn of the Republic, directed by Mrs. S. L. Ferguson.

Addresses, "Historical Anniversaries," by Prof. W. P. Beckwith.

"Women of the Revolution," by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.

"Historic Tablets and Stones," by Gen'l Francis H. Appleton.

"The Pine Tree Flag," by Miss H. S. Thacher.

Music, "America."

"The North Bridge of Salem," by Hon. Robert S. Rantoul.

Note—The following correction in the Fourth Annual Report should be made: Owing to a necessary change of program on date of May 3d, 1899, a paper was presented by Dr. Safford on "The Witchcraft Delusion and its Outcome."

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NEW MEMBERS.

Sept. 5th, 1900.
Ellen Becket,
Samuel Stimpson,
Mary H. Reed,
Sally R. Wilkinson,
Eva D. Raddin,
Huldah G. Buxton,
William E. Reed,
Annie Reed,

Nov. 14th, 1900.
Lilian Tudbury
John E. Herrick,
Mary F. Herrick,
Harriet E. Perkins,
Jane Miller,
Sallie C. Quint,

Feb. 15th, 1901.
Sarah B. Spaulding,

May 1st, 1901.
Amos Merrill,
Eliza W. Clerk,
Emma I. Rice,
Anna A. Poor,
Sam'l Walter Nourse,
Hannah R. Osborn,
Hannah E. Poor,
Sallie S. P. Washburn,
Chelsea.
Sarah P. Hall.
Jefferson K. Cole,
Peter J. Frye.

NECROLOGY.

Walter Scott Lovejoy, August 31st, 1831; March 8th, 1901.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1901.

Amount in hands of Treasurer at last report,	$ 189.44	
Received Admissions and Dues,	148.00	
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank,	2.84	
Special contribution for small room,	3.00	
Gift from S. E. Stimpson,	1.00	
From entertainment given by ladies of the Society,	21.75	
Rebate on bill paid in previous report,	3.63	
		$369.66
Paid 1 year's rent to April 1, 1901,	$150.00	
Electric Light,	3.25	
Expenses of Secretaries and Treasurers—stationery, postals, circulars, labels and ballots, etc.,	18.37	
Letters on tablet at door,	1.20	
Electric supplies,	4.00	
Flags for Revolutionary Soldiers,	2.70	
Rent of chairs,	4.50	
		$184.02
Amount in hands of treasurer,		$185.64

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

PEABODY, May 1, 1901.

The Donations to the Society as registered in the Accession Book now number 1,365, an increase during the past year of 329. These have been presented by seventy-two persons, thirty of whom are members of the Society. These gifts include 75 additions to the Cabinet and Room, 225 bound volumes, 121 pamphlets, 2 manuscript books, several autograph letters, 29 broadsheet posters, etc., 10 single newspapers, a file of "the News" for 1898, 9 pictures, maps, etc., and 19 coins and pieces of money.

An increase is desired of those articles which would be necessary for furnishing the loom-room, chamber or kitchen in an ancient house. Also such bygone implements as were used in the field, the pottery, or tannery.

A special interest has been shown in the Old School collection this past year, resulting in a form and settle and many school books which have been used by the young people of our town from time to time for more than a century. Cannot this collection be completed by the addition of all the well known ancient books of this class?

MEETINGS OF LOCAL HISTORY CLASS.

May 23rd, 1900.	"Geology of our town," Rev. J. W. Hudson.
July 11th, 1900.	"Hannah Cook's School," Miss Martha Osborne Barrett.
Aug. 27th, 1900.	An afternoon at the Bowditch House, and a paper on "Nathaniel Bowditch," Miss Martha O. Barrett.
Oct. 9th, 1900.	A tramp in woods back of Brown's Pond with a visit to Wild Cat Ledge Rocking Stone, Phaeton Rock and Bald Rock, with Mr. Jacob Osborn.
Dec. 5th, 1900.	"Samuel Mackintire, Carpenter and Architect of Salem in 1800," Miss Mary M. Farley.
Jan. 6th, 1901.	"School District No. 6 in the 18th Century," Mr. D. H. Felton.
Mar. 5th, 1901.	"A Danvers Heroine—Rebecca Nurse," Mrs. Sarah Proctor Joslin.

SOME PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PEABODY.

COLONIAL PERIOD.

Site of Giles Corey's House. In the triangle west of the West Peabody Station and north of Pine Street. Giles Corey died Sept. 19th, 1692.

He was the only victim of the Witchcraft delusion who was pressed to death.

Site of John Procter's House. 348 Lowell Street. A victim of the Witchcraft delusion. Hanged, Aug. 19th, 1692.

This house was built by Emanuel Downing and occupied by him 1638–1652. Occupied by Flint family and Roger Preston, 1652–1666.

Site occupied by Proctor family 1666–1890.

South Meeting House. Peabody Square, opposite Railroad Station. Fourth building on site of the first and only church in town from 1711 to 1825. Parsonage 34 Main Street. First minister, Rev. Benj. Prescott, 1712–1756, who built the "Prescott house," so called, 92 Central Street, about 1750.

Prescott burial lot opposite 7 Tremont Street.

Old South Burying Ground. Main Street, next to the Salem line. Burial place of Revolutionary Soldiers and many prominent citizens of the town. Among these are Rev. Nathan Holt, Rev. Samuel Walker, Major Caleb Lowe, Dennison Wallis, Roger Derby, Jones Very.

REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

Lexington Monument. Main Street at junction of Washington Street. Dedicated April 19th, 1835, in memory of the Danvers Soldiers who died in the Battle of Lexington. Opposite monument at 84 and 86 Main Street, is site of the home of "Bethiah Southwick," whose heart outran her creed" when she fed the soldiers of the Revolution.

Site of "Bell Tavern." S. E. corner of Main and Washington Streets. "At the crotch of the Road near Francis Symonds' " (landlord of the Bell Tavern), was the official meeting place of the soldiers of 1775. A watch, also, of 13 men, was stationed here "every night."

"In" "next" and "near the Bell Tavern" was E. Russell's Printing Press, the first in town, 1777–1781.

Gen. Gideon Foster. Leader of the Danvers men in Battle of Lexington. Was born in a house "on S. W. corner of Foster and Lowell."

His "chocolate mill" was "over the brook in Foster street," near Little's mill. He died at 142 Lynnfield Street.

Wallis House. 66 Main Street. Built by Dennison Wallis about 1810.

He was one of those wounded in the Battle of Lexington, and founder of the Wallis School fund.

Bowditch House. 121 Central Street. Nathaniel Bowditch, the "Navigator," came here to live in 1775 and spent several years of his life, receiving from the Misses Osborne, in a house opposite, his first schooling.

Born Mar. 26, 1773—Died Mar. 16, 1838.

Benedict Arnold. Route of Benedict Arnold's army through this town Sept. 13th and 14th, 1775, was along the old "Ipswich Road," now Lynn, County, Summit, Lowell, Prospect and Sylvan Streets.

NINETEENTH CENTURY.

George Peabody's Birthplace. 205 Washington Street. Born here Feb. 18th, 1795. Died in London, Nov. 4, 1869.

Site of Sylvester Procter's Drug Store. 33 Main Street. Where George Peabody first worked as a boy.

Peabody Institute. Main Street. Gift of George Peabody, June 16, 1852. Opened to public, Oct., 1854.

Sutton Library, founded by Mrs. Eliza Sutton, Oct. 15, 1866.

Rufus Choate. 65 Main Street. Rufus Choate first went to housekeeping here. At 37 Main Street was his First Law Office.

Soldiers' Monument. Peabody Square. Dedicated 1881 in memory of our soldiers who were killed in the war of the Rebellion.

"The Green in front of the Old South Meeting House" has been the meeting place of various military organizations of this town.

Gen. Grenville M. Dodge. 34 Main Street. Gen'l Dodge lived here about 1850.

Room of Peabody Historical Society. Warren Bank Building. Peabody Square. Open every Monday afternoon from 2.30 to 5 o'clock.

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